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Grant Provides Employment Services and More for Noncustodial Parents

(Des Moines, Iowa) – Iowa's Child Support Recovery Unit is providing employment services and classes for noncustodial parents through a \$2.7 million grant awarded last year.

The Reliable Employment And Child-support Help, or REACH program, anticipates assisting about 750 participants over 5 years.

The program provides employment services to help noncustodial parents attain and maintain stable employment. There's also a curriculum which includes financial literacy, fatherhood and domestic violence awareness.

The goal is to address barriers to child support payments, and help noncustodial parents become closer with their children and improve the financial well-being of those children.

CSRU is partnering with the Evelyn K. Davis Center for Working Families, DMACC, United Way, Wells Fargo, Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and Visiting Nurse Services. Iowa was one of 8 states chosen for this grant based on the success of its child support recovery program.

For more information on how to participate in REACH, contact Karmon (515) 264-8643, Joni (515) 261-5865, or Carmen (515) 264-8645, or visit any CSRU office in the Des Moines area.

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